

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

June 10, 1899

R. J. Thompson,


Sect'y Lafayette Mem. Commission,

Auditorium Building, Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.

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for the Lafayette coin. He is on his way to New York, but
because of engagements there to stop over in Philadelphia.
He expressed a wish to confer with you about the coin, and I think it
advisable that you meet him. He asked to have you join him in New
York on Wednesday at twelve o'clock noon at the Headquarters of the
Commission in the Equitable Building.

The sculptor who has designed the monument will be there, and
the advisory board which passes upon the monument design.

I think if you can meet him there we can get this matter settled
for all, and to our satisfaction.

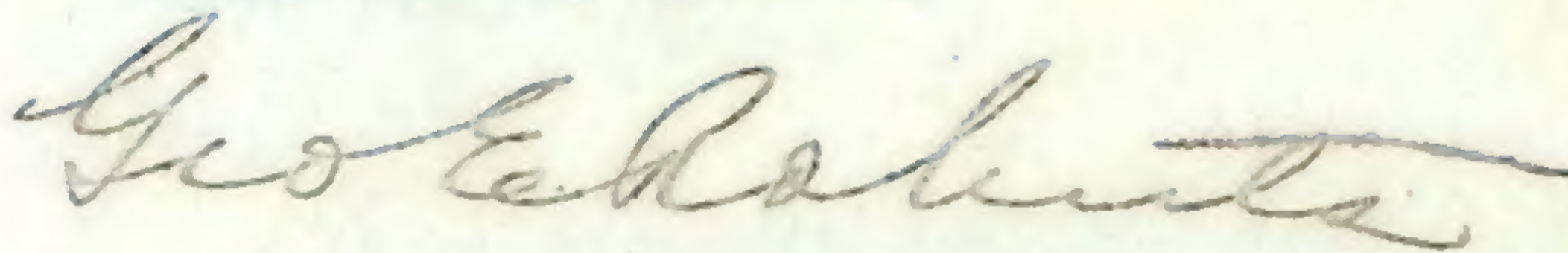
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